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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 47-52 and 91-99 are pending. Claims 100-102 were canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. They will be prosecuted in a continuation application.

The amendments are supported by the original disclosure and, thus, no new matter has been added. If the Examiner should disagree, however, he is respectfully requested to point out the challenged limitation with particularity in the next Action so support may be cited in response.

Entry of the amendments is requested to address the Examiner's remaining rejections. They could not be earlier presented because the objection was initially raised in Paper No. 36 in response to newly amended claims. Amendments to the claims should overcome the remaining rejections.

Return of the initialed copies of the Forms PTO-1449 submitted on December 26, 2002 and February 4, 2003 is requested pursuant to M.P.E.P § 609.

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Claims 100-102 were rejected under Section 112, first paragraph. Applicants traverse because claims 100-102 have been canceled to advance prosecution in this application.

Claims 95-99 were rejected under Section 112, second paragraph, as being allegedly "indefinite for falling to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention." Applicants traverse.

The Examiner's suggestion for amending claim 95 to correct the informality is gratefully acknowledged. Adoption of his suggestion moots this rejection.

Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections made under Section 112, first and second paragraphs.

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Having fully responded to all of the pending objections and rejections contained in the Office Action (Paper No. 36), Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit an early Notice to that effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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